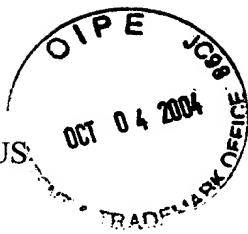


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FOR: IMAGE-READING DEVICE  
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CORRECTION BY OBTAINING A PEAK  
VALUE OF AVERAGE VALUES OF  
IMAGE DATA READ FROM A  
REFERENCE-WHITE MEMBER IN  
BLOCKS AS WHITE-SHADING DATA

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.